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1. In February 1952, [ ] a water purification plant consisting of six rectangular basins, each 50 x 30 to 100 x 1.5 meters was located in the middle of Jagen (forest-subarea), 5%, south of the cantonment at Brand airfield. An 8-meter shaft with thick concrete walls was at the east edge of the installation. A thick tube with slide valves was observed on the bottom of this shaft. (1)

2. Between 11 and 13 March, the field was occupied by 15 to 20 jet bombers of types 27 or 30 and about 500 air force personnel, including many young student pilots. Lieutenant Colonel Mironenkov (fnu) was the Soviet construction chief. The construction of EM quarters was accelerated, and work on the northern taxiway was started. About 200 vehicles, including 3 tank trucks, about 4 ambulances, 3 radio trucks, sedans [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were parked at the field.

3. On 3 March, all jet bombers at the field were covered with olive-drab tarpaulins. It appeared that the landing-gear strut consisted of a smooth and straight cylinder without bracing. About 45 trucks, including many tank trucks, were parked in a dispersal area. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] which was the only vehicle in the billoting area, was probably used by one of the commanders at the field.

40. On 3 March, there was a meeting concerning construction work at the field. This meeting was attended by: Captain Mironenko (fnu) of the Kech office in Tordor, Chief Captain Shiragovich (fnu), another captain and an engineer with the rank of a lieutenant colonel from the Kech office in Luensdorf, Herr Vende (fnu) of the central construction bureau on Bauerstrasse in Jackenwalde, Herr Reiter of the construction office on Seestrasse in Luensdorf and the construction staff of Brand airfield. It was announced that, effective immediately, buildings above the ground were to be erected by the central construction bureau and the special construction bureau of the Luensdorf Kech agency, and that the other installations were to be built by the Tordor Kech agency under the supervision of Captain Mironenko (fnu), according to previous plans, except for small changes on the hardstands north of the runway. All the buildings above the ground are to be built according to the previous plans. A battery charging station is to be constructed in addition to the planned compressor and oxygen stations. The officers of the Luensdorf Kech agency wore uniforms with blue-bordered black collar patches, black-bordered silver epaulets with small golden stars and a crossed hammer and monkey wrench as branch of service

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insignia. Black-bordered caps with blue stripes were also worn. Captain Shiragovich used sedan [redacted]

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5. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 8 March, 27 jet bombers were counted at the field. There was no flying. [redacted] Several aircraft had only one aperture in their noses, probably for a cannon. (3) Recently, there has been a high board fence around the hardstands along the southern taxiway where aircraft were parked close together. 25X1

6. Between 10 and 15 March, 15 jet bombers and 4 biplanes were parked at the field. No air activity was observed. Vehicles [redacted] were seen at the field. (4) 25X1

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[redacted] Comments.

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- (1) For location of Jagen (forest-subarea) 55, see GSOS 4414, Sheet 3948.
- (2) [redacted] previously reported that on 27 February 1952, a meeting on construction plans was held at Brand airfield during which a change in the construction projects was announced. According to the present report, however, the planned change in construction was rejected. All these statements indicate that the Soviet agencies concerned are no longer satisfied with the Bauunion Firm in Berlin which was previously charged with construction work at Brand airfield. The final construction plan was previously transmitted. [redacted] 25X1
- (3) For sketch of aperture in nose of jet bomber, see Annex. It was previously believed that a cannon was mounted in this aperture which, however, has not been confirmed.
- (4) The airfield is still occupied by a jet bomber regiment which, according to previous information, is equipped with 27 aircraft including some Po-2 biplanes. The small number of aircraft observed at the field between 10 and 15 March may be explained by the fact that some aircraft were engaged in practice flights. 25X1

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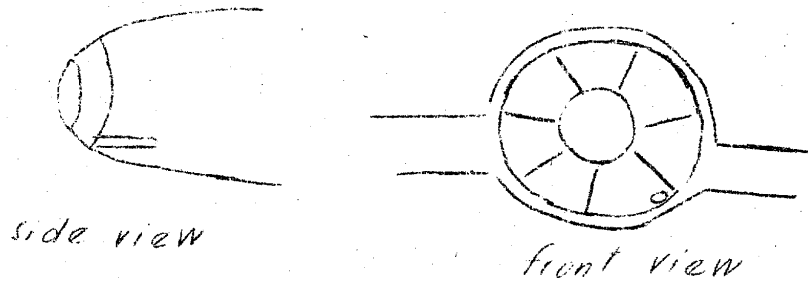
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Annex

Aperture in Nose of Jet Bomber Observed at Branc Airfield



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